In addition, Central assistance provided initially to Gujarat and Maharashtra under EAS is Rs. 485 lakhs and Rs. 570 lakhs. respectively.

Allocations for remaining years of 8th Five Year Plan would be made at the beginning of each year.

SHORTFALL IN PUBLIC SECTOR PLANS

2454. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the second consequiive year in 1993-94, the States' and Central annual public sector plans have been under funded;

(b) if so, whether this has resulted :'n 'sharp shortfall m investment in crore sec-tors like power, transport, telecon.muni cations etc ;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for the shortfall in public sector plans-both central and State; and

(d) what stcps are being taken in this regard '?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TUB MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PRO-" GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d') Do not arise.

EFFECT OP THE STRUCTURAL AD-lUSTMENT PROGRAMME IN EM-PLOYMENT GENERATION

2455. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments structural ,ad-justment programmes will seriously affect employment generation;

(b) if so, whether it has been pointed out by experts that vast employment op portunities wll! open up if key areas like agro-based industries including food pro-cessing, construction, tertiary and services are developed;

(c) if so, whether the Planning Com mission has submitted its plan to Govern ment for development of the areas to open employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PRO-GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d) The Eighth Five Year Plan eavisages em' ployment growth of 2.6 to 2.8 per cent per annum or on an average 8 to 9 mil-lion additional employment opportunities per year. The Plan document also indicates that the on-going structural reforms

may slow down the growth rate of the economy and, therefore, of employment during initial one or - two years of the Eighth Plan. The Growth rate of the economy during 1992-93 is estimated to have been 4.2 per cent as compared to 1.2 per cent during 1991-92. With the reversal Jn the decline of the rate *ot* growth of the economy, rate of growth of employment, which was about 2 per cent during 1992-93, is likely to go up in the coming years of the Plan period

The employment strategy m the Plan already lays stress on development of agro-based and allied activities, of non-agri-icultiiral, particularly manufacturing activities. in rural areas and the small and decentralised manufacturing sector, expansion of programmes of construction of infrastructure and residential accommodation and promotion of the growth of the services and informal sector activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ECONOMIC REFORMS INTRODUCED IN THE COUNTRY

2456. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state what are the achievements so far of the economic reforms introduced

in 1991 which have minimised poverty la the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : Planning Commission estimates incidence of poverty at the National and State level using the quinquennial survey data on Household Consumption Expenditure released by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The latest estimates of poverty are based on the quinquennial survey held in 1987-88. The next quinquennial survey pertains to the period 1993-94, and the survey is in progress.

PERCENTAGE OF MINORITIES ! BELOW POVERTY LINE

2457. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL-ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minis-ter of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 380 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th December, 1993 and to state the percentage of minorities out of the toal minorities population who are livng below poverty line at present, State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER' OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTAT'ION (SHRI GIRJDHAR GOMANGO) : Planning Commission estimates poverty for the total population and not for minorities separately.

पर्वतीय क्षेत्र के विकास के लिए एक बोर्ड का गठन

2458. श्री महेश्वर सिंह : क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री 4 मार्च, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 1322 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिमोत्तर हिमालयन क्षेत्र के विकास के लिये एक प्राधिकरण गठित करने का निर्णय अंतिम रूप से लिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसा निर्णय कब लिया गया था ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इस संबंध में कब तक निर्णय लिये जाने की संभावना है ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) हिमालय के एकीकृत विकास के लिए राष्ट्रीय नीति तैयार करने हेतु डा. एस. जेड. कासिम, सदस्य (विज्ञान, प्रौद्योगिकी एवं पर्यावरण) की अध्यक्षता में एक विशेषज्ञ दल का गठन किया गया था और इस विशेषज्ञ दल की सिफारिशों को ध्यान में रखते हुए उत्तर पश्चिमी हिमालय क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए एक शीर्ष निकाय के गठन के संबंध में अंतिम निर्णय लिया जाएगा ।

AMOUNT SPENT ON RURAL AND URBAN EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES IN GUJARAT

2459. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARI-BHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to stale:

(a) what is the total amount allocated and spent on rural and urban employment schemes during the last three years in the State of Gujarat particularly in Sauashtra Region with each District- wise details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Amount , allocated by the Centre for Centrally Sponsored Special Empdoyment Schemes during the last three years in the State of Gujarat is given in the attached state- ment. (See below) Allocations to districts